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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

**A. Biographical Information**

1. S was born on 25 May 1927 in GLEIWITZ (5071/1840). He had 8 years elementary school. He was a RR employee by profession and spoke some Russian.
2. From Feb 45 to Dec 49 he was interned in a forced labor camp in RYBINSK (5803/3850) and worked as gen laborer in the surrounding woods. He had some contact with Russian prisoners. From Dec 49 to Feb 50 he was interned in a forced labor camp in the area of KIROV (5836-4942). During this period he did no work, but had some contact with Russian prisoners. From Feb 50 to Jul 50 he was interned in the forced labor camp # 11 in VESLYANA (6301/5051) where he worked in a wood camp. There he had contact with Russian prisoners. From Aug 50 to Oct 53 he was interned in the PW camps 6114/7, # 6114/5, and # 6114/4 in the area of STALINO (4759-3750). During this period he worked as constr worker in the town area and had some contact with civilian workers.
3. S was willing to cooperate. He was of average intelligence and was objective. He seemed to be fairly reliable.

**B. Soviet Attitudes toward General Political Problems.**

4. S stated that especially the free workers in the USSR were opposed to the regime.
6. The major sources among the workers S talked to, were the poor quality and high prices of food and consumer goods, inadequate housing, excessive incomes and privileges of the intelligentsia, lack of freedom of speech and forced labor.

**C. Events following the Death of Stalin.**

7. The workers and prisoners S talked to hated Stalin in general and usually called him a devil. He was mainly criticized for enforcing the collectivization and for arbitrary arrests made on his orders. The workers and prisoners claimed that they had had a much better life under Lenin than under Stalin.
8. S stated that workers he knew received the news of Stalin's death with satisfaction at first, but after a few days were of the opinion that if "one devil leaves another will come". S was of the opinion that these reactions were typical of the rest of the Soviet population.
9. S talked to amnestied prisoners and was told that criminal prisoners with life sentences, pregnant women and women with babies had been released by the amnesty act. He did not hear of dissolution of any forced labor camps. He heard that no political prisoners were released.

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21. From internees in his camp in VESLYANA S heard of anti-Soviet partisan activities in the Western Ukrainia in 1950. They said that these partisans committed sabotage acts by blowing up RR lines, freight trains and ammo depots. S was not able to give detailed info.

## E. Forced Labor Camps.

23. From 1945 to Dec 49 S observed 4 forced labor camps in the area of RYBINSK. He did not know their numbers or names. Their total number of inmates was about 7 000. Russians, Germans, Latvians, Estonians, and Crimean Tartars were interned here. They were mostly political prisoners and worked in lumber camps, peat camps and in lumber yards. The camps were still active when S left here. From Feb 50 to Jul 50 he observed two forced labor camps in the area of VESLYANA with a total number of 1700 inmates. His own camp had the number "11". Interned were Germans, Russians, Poles, Estonians, and Tartars. They worked in forest camps. The forced labor camps were still active when S left.

24. S stated that he met an American and an English soldier and a French civilian in his camp in VESLYANA. He was not able to give a description of them or their names. He could give no info about the circumstances of their arrest.

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